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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand continued light to good. Supplies were closely balanced to fully sufficient for current trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were slightly more available and ranged tight to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were irregular. Light type hens were about sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reduced due to the holiday.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to fairly good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times fully adequate for current needs as some graders took time off for Thanksgiving. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings remained mostly tight to adequate and showed signs of becoming more available into next week. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	118-127	121-124
LARGE	117-125	118-123
MEDIUM	95-103	98-100
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance for needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were irregular for next week. Light type fowl were about sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reduced due to the holiday.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-137	125-130
LARGE	119-134	124-128
MEDIUM	96-111	101-103
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to more available as schedules are reduced due to the holiday. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings remained mostly tight to adequate and showed signs of becoming more available into next week. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123.5-132	125-128
LARGE	122.5-131	124-127
MEDIUM	99.5-108	101-104
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX		

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were generally sufficient for present requirements. Breaking stock demand was fair to moderate for about adequate offerings. Light type fowl were about sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109.25-130	124-127
LARGE	108.25-128	122-125
MEDIUM	88.25-105	98-102
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA		

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to at times good. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	133-137
LARGE	131-135
MEDIUM	108-112

CHICAGO EGGS Prices are unchanged for all sizes. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	123-129
LARGE	122-127
MEDIUM	101-108

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WESTERN REGION EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Asking prices for next week unchanged throughout the region on all sizes. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand moderate. Offerings were generally adequate. Small benchmark price 114. Ads noted in Southern California: smaller outlets - 1 free dozen medium with 1500 purchase limit 1, extra large 20 count 2 for 500 and 20 count extra large 99 limit 1.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	162
EXTRA LARGE	161
LARGE	156
MEDIUM	134

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	147-152
EXTRA LARGE	145-151
LARGE	143-146
MEDIUM	121-124

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	299-359
EXTRA LARGE	289-349
LARGE	229-329
MEDIUM	129-289

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings remained mostly tight to adequate and showing signs of becoming more available into next week. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB, MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	86-90	88
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	75-80	75
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to moderate. Supplies were slightly more available in late week trading and reported as about adequate for irregular breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 22 November 2003 were 6% lower than last week, but 4 % more than a year ago.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	85-89	87-88
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	72-80	73-77
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 22-Nov-03
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,165,662	30,760	9,437	5,114	1,920	4,077
PW	1,194,814	30,398	10,171	5,501	1,548	4,263
LY	1,169,865	28,565	10,218	5,438	2,101	4,234
% CHG PW	-2	1	-7	-7	24	-4
% CHG LY	0	8	-8	-6	-9	-4
2003	54,966,793	1,348,492	496,889	270,356	108,989	196,768
2002	56,715,012	1,324,166	543,133	291,770	131,734	201,273
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-9	-7	-17	-2
	CURRENT		PREVIOUS		LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK		WEEK		YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.37		42.13		41.42	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.87		38.56		37.80	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites reported from 69 to 71.5 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 81.5 to 85.5 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites with yolk mostly weak. Demand was good for whole egg and whites and light for yolk. There was limited trading on everything again this week due mostly to holiday schedules. Offerings were close to adequate for whole egg, tight for whites, and adequate to fully adequate for yolk. Breaking stock prices were unchanged from last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	12	77-79.5	78.17	-0.00
WHITES	4	59.5-60	59.63	
YOLKS	TFEWR			

*See Correction on Page 4

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whole, unchanged to lower on sugar yolks and unchanged on balance when compared to previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was unsettled on yolks and steady to fully steady on balance. Offerings were sufficient on yolks but usually tight to barely adequate on balance. Demand was slow to moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 22, 2003 were 3% less than the previous week, and 11% more than last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)		LTL TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	78-92	84-88	94-98
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		95-107
WHITES	65-75	72-74	77-84
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	98-105	101-105	106-115
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	95-101	97-99	102-110

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and white prices ranged unchanged with sugared yolk unchanged to a penny lower and salted yolk ranging unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and about steady on the balance. Demand was light and typical of a holiday week with business continuing to reported as hand to mouth with buyers somewhat cautious. Offerings were closely balanced to barely adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	87-88	87	
WHITES	72-75	74-75	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	101-105	102	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	97-101	99	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were unchanged on whole, whites and yolks from last Friday's reported levels. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 11/22 was 2 percent higher than the previous week. Frozen demand was seasonal with freezer stocks in fairly good balance.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	93-96
WHITES	77-80
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	106-109
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	103-106

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged on yolks, unchanged to higher on blends, and higher on whole and albumen when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was fully steady to firm on whole and albumen, steady on blends, and about steady to steady on yolks. Most sales were still limited to LTL volume. Offerings were short on albumen, whole was about adequate to short, and sufficient on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending November 22, 2003 were 24% more than the previous week, but 9% less than last year. The total year to date dried egg produced was 17% lower than a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB, IN CONT., TRUCKLOT & LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	3.24-3.70	MOSTLY 3.25-3.45
YOLKS	2.10-2.40	MOSTLY 2.10-2.25
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.45-6.05	MOSTLY 5.65-5.80
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.15-2.40	MOSTLY 2.25-2.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 21, 2003-NOV 27, 2003**CURRENT LOADS** 33.25**FUTURE LOADS** 49.25**TOTAL LOADS** 82.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	103.50	113.36	108.17	108.80	—	112.00	24.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	85.00	98.00	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	73.00	70.00	—	1.00
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	114.50	110.00	—	.75
GL W XL	—	118.71	117.33	120.73	108.38	116.00	31.25
GL W LG	—	118.95	—	—	105.19	121.00	17.00
GL W MD	94.00	91.50	89.57	92.75	73.00	84.25	13.75
GL W SM	—	—	60.00	61.25	60.00	62.00	2.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	111.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	86.00	—	—	—	92.00	92.00	15.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	81.00	2.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	110.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	106.50	—	—	—	—	113.50	1.00
GL W XL	117.50	—	—	—	—	116.18	7.50
GL W LG	112.00	—	—	—	—	113.91	6.25

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were about adequate. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Demand was light to moderate but generally unaggressive. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	10-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Actual sales were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate supplies of spent leg-horn hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were static. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were ranged unchanged to lower with majority values unchanged. Offerings were adequate for reduced holiday schedules with demand reported as fairly good. Alternative sources of disposal had not seen the influx of spent fowl they had previously expected. Opinions of value were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12.5	10-12.25

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired holiday slaughter schedules. Offerings in fair balance.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	127.50	126.00	102.00
SOUTHEAST	125.50	123.50	100.00
MIDWEST	122.50	120.50	99.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	126.50	125.50	102.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	125.54	123.95	100.96

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy canner when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate and generally unaggressive. Trading was limited. Available offerings were clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-25 MAJORITY 23-24	29-36 MAJORITY 34-35
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27 MAJORITY 26	31.5-38 MAJORITY 35.5-37

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 22-NOV-03
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,097	1,427	2,524
LAST WEEK	1,126	1,656	2,782
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,663	1,556	3,219
TO-DATE/2003	67,191	66,176	133,367
TO-DATE/2002	81,900	66,918	148,818
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	34	0	34
LAST WEEK	0	0	-
SAME WEEK YR AGO	273	4	277
TO-DATE/2003	10,200	141	10,341
TO-DATE/2002	14,256	283	14,539

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,131	1,427	2,558
LAST WEEK	1,126	1,656	2,782
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,936	1,560	3,496
TO-DATE/2003	77,391	66,317	143,708
TO-DATE/2002	96,156	67,201	163,357

SOURCE: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch
Washington, DC

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending November 15, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003
Liquid	254	456	15,507
Frozen	0	0	96
Dried	0	0	479
Total	254	456	16,082

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending November 15, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003
Liquid	55	79	5,233
Frozen	113	66	3,378
Dried	0	58	1,180
Total	168	203	9,791

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending November 15, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003
Jumbo	0	50	437
Extra Large	767	1,740	30,270
Large	5,107	3,360	120,882
Medium	1,550	1,228	59,042
Ungraded	3,600	4,500	170,238
Misc	0	0	14,642
Total	11,024	10,878	395,511

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	11/24/03	3,417	126,613	44,131
AM	11/01/03	3,598	182,037	44,797
CHG		-181	-55424	-666
PCT CHG		-5%	-30%	-1%

*Corrected Version from November 21, 2003.

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites reported at 67.5 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 82 to 85.5 cents fob. Trade sentiment continued firm for whole egg, with whites and yolk mostly steady. Many observers had strong objections to current seperated product values at this time. Demand was good for whole egg and whites and quiet for yolk with limited trading on everything. Offerings were tight to inadequate for whole egg, very tight for whites and at least adequate for yolk. Breaking schedules were reduced for next week due to lack of available breaking stock and the Thanksgiving holiday. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	6	77-80	78.17	3.91
WHITES		TFEWR		
YOLKS	4	82-84.5	82.88	.10

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 22-Nov-03

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	32.5	25.6	27
BOSTON	3.7	3.9	-5
CHICAGO	64.9	48.3	34
DETROIT	30.1	27.9	8
KANSAS CITY	4.7	4.4	7
LOS ANGELES	96.0	89.8	7
NEW ORLEANS	13.0	8.5	53
NEW YORK	33.8	28.4	19
ST. LOUIS	24.7	19.1	29
SAN FRANCISCO	27.4	22.0	25
TOTAL	330.8	277.9	19
4 WK MVG AVG	293.6		-2

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 22-Nov-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	224.6	0	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	593.8	5	-1
W.N. CENTRAL	304.6	2	1
S. ATLANTIC	193.9	1	3
S. CENTRAL	117.2	-1	19
WEST	209.2	10	0
TOTAL	1643.3	3	0
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Nov 25, 2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	173	168	119	81
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	165-169	160-164	112-116	74-78
MOSTLY	167-168	162-163	114-115	76-77
RHODE ISLAND	172-176	167-171	118-122	80-84
MOSTLY	172	167	118	80
VERMONT	166-170	163-165	118-119	-
MOSTLY	166	163	118	-

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